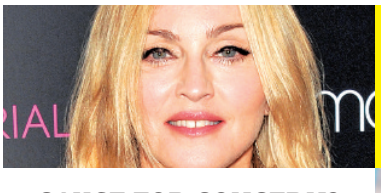

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News worth sharing.

Award. Noms

▶ Colin Firth was nominated for an Academy Award for best actor for his role in The King's Speech yesterday.

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Royal tale leads Oscar race

The King's Speech is at the top of the Oscar pack with 12 nominations, including best picture. Hollywood will hand out the awards on Feb. 27. Story, page 15.

RCMP facing new complaint

BCCLA takes issue after kick in face caught on video {page 4}

Military getting fatter: Study

Canadian Forces becoming inactive, survey finds {page 10}

Aboriginal mini-school considered

▶ Mini-school would be a program within school, like French immersion ▶ It would focus on restoring culture, fostering sense of community and belonging ▶ 2006 census found aboriginal youth in Vancouver had lower school attendance rates than non-aboriginal peers

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The Vancouver School Board held its second public meeting yesterday in search of feedback for its proposal to start an aboriginal mini-school.

The hope is that a separate program would give First Nations high school students a better sense of belonging and, by extension, more motivation to do well and stay in school.

Board chair Patti Bacchus said the proposal is in only its early stages.

"The preliminary idea is ... it would be a school within a school that approaches curriculum through an aboriginal lens using aboriginal history (and) traditions."

Members of the aboriginal community would be closely consulted and their expertise used in the classroom.

Bacchus said there are "complex historical reasons" why many aboriginal students face barriers to success, including racism and poverty.

"We hear a lot about the impact of the residential schools that broke down the chain of parenting and families."

Jo-ann Archibald, associate dean for indigenous education at the University of B.C. and former director of the Native Indian Teachers Education Program, is writing a report based on the student and public consultations.

She said the mini-school is a "wonderful idea" and has nothing to do with segregation.

"I don't see any outcry about segregation for (language-immersion schools)," she said.

Deborah Jeffrey, acting executive director of the First Nations education steering committee, added it's only segregation if it's forced upon the community.

"Public institutions can play a pivotal role in transforming relations between the aboriginal and non-aboriginal community, and it's time we start doing that proactively," she said.

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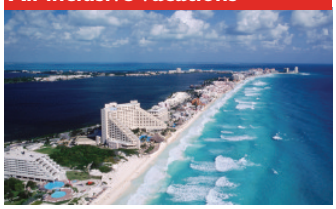

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Plural wife defends polygamy in court

A woman who has lived in a plural marriage in Bountiful for 30 years has painted a positive image of polygamy in B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver.

The woman told a judge examining Canada's law against multiple marriages that she doesn't consider her marriage at the age of 16 as child abuse and denied that Bountiful wives are forced to obey their husbands.

The woman, who testified anonymously, rejected claims that girls are forbidden to interact with boys and said girls in the community can refuse marriages and are no longer married before the age of 18.

She also said children are encouraged to attend and finish school and some, like her, received a post-secondary education.

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RCMP look into attack on gay man

The RCMP are investigating what they're calling a gay-bashing in which the victim was brutally beaten in Southeast B.C.

The attack happened on Dec. 29, when two gay men who'd been cross-country skiing stopped to take a dip in St. Leon's Hot Springs, 25 kilometres north of Nakusp.

Police say two other men and a woman arrived and one of the newcomers, identified as Terry, told his friends he was going to kill the couple.

One of the gay men managed to run away, but the other suffered a vicious beating that left him with cuts and bruising to most of his body and a big cut over his nose.

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▶ Trygve Toskedal Larsen of Norway competes in the men's sitting 15-kilometre cross-country skiing race during the 2010 Vancouver Winter Paralympics. Seven wounded U.K. Soldiers have come to B.C. to participate in a rehabilitation program that involves Paralympic events.

U.K. soldiers battle back

Organizers hope the event will change public perceptions of disability while promoting diversity ◐ Many former combatants become depressed and lose confidence when faced with a disabling injury

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Seven wounded soldiers from Great Britain are in Vancouver to participate in a unique winter-sport rehabilitation program.

The participants, one woman and six men, have varying degrees of disability resulting from injuries sustained in combat.

The soldiers arrived in Vancouver on Sunday with the support of Battle Back, a U.K. military program specializing in providing service personnel with adventurous rehabilitation opportunities.

Vancouver-based company You Can is organizing the event in partnership with Battle Back and lifestyle coach Larnie Meeks.

Sian Blyth, founder of You Can and the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program, said this event and others like it play a major role in "encouraging disabled persons to build confidence and camaraderie."

Battle Back has found physical activity to be key in helping disabled people build a positive outlook and self-image because it highlights the possibility of a healthy and active future.

The first half of the program began yesterday in Whistler. Participants will take part in activities ranging from cross-country skiing to dog sledding.

The soldiers' visit wraps up with sledge hockey in Vancouver and Surrey on Feb. 4.

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Complaint filed against RCMP

BCCLA takes issue with use of force used during arrest and information released afterward to justify actions Assault charge already recommended against suspended Kelowna Mountie

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The B.C. Civil Liberties Association has filed a formal complaint against an RCMP officer after a Kelowna man was kicked in the face.

In a letter to the Commission for Public Complaint Against the RCMP, BCCLA executive director David Eby alleges "that the incident involved unlawful use of force."

"A transparent and independent investigation of this complaint is warranted in the public interest," Eby writes. "We request that your office monitor this investigation to the extent of your statutory authority."

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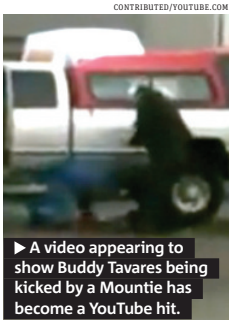

▶ A video appearing to show Buddy Tavares being kicked by a Mountie has become a YouTube hit.

A video capturing the incident appears to show Buddy Tavares, 51, being kicked in the head while on his hands and knees by Const. Geoff Mantler during an arrest on Jan. 7. The video was posted to YouTube and has since gone viral.

The BCCLA complaint also names the detachment's superintendent, Bill McKinnon, for releasing that Tavares was being arrested for a "domestic violence situation."

"The RCMP should use extreme caution in releasing information to the media, especially if the information has not been investigated and verified as best as possible," Eby writes.

Abbotsford police have recommended a charge of assault causing bodily harm against Mantler, who is currently suspended with pay.

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▶ Kash Heed celebrates his May 2009 election night victory with his wife and daughter at Fraserview Hall.

Heed's riding in court's hands

Elections B.C. threatens to remove Kash Heed from office if new campaign finance report not filed

Under-fire Vancouver-Fairview MLA Kash Heed could be bounced from office if he fails to file new financial disclosure documents with Elections B.C.

In a Dec. 2 letter to Heed, acting chief electoral officer Craig James orders Heed to file new documents after an audit of his 2009 campaign finances found he was over the legal spending limit.

"Should you fail to comply with the provisions of the act or fail to seek to obtain court relief ... I will feel compelled to forthwith present a report to the Speaker informing him that you have ceased to hold office and that your seat has thereby become vacant," the letter reads.

Heed responded by filing a petition with B.C. Court of Appeal asking him to be "relieved of this responsibility," claiming he is unable to file the documents himself and can't force his then-agent, Satpal Johl, to produce a new report.

"I personally have no information on which to base a supplementary report, nor would I be able to verify such information if it were given to me due to my lack of involvement in the financial aspects of the campaign."
MLA KASH HEED IN AFFIDAVIT

The matter is still before the courts.

The former solicitor general's campaign has come under fire for anti-NDP pamphlets that allegedly originated from his office and the resulting Elections Act and criminal investigations.

Elections B.C. will not comment on the issue as it's before the courts.

But interim NDP leader Dawn Black says the new information on alleged campaign overspending and failing to report disclosure is an "affront" to election laws and must be dealt with seriously.

"This is about the election laws of the province," she said.

MATT KIELTYKA

RICHMOND

RCMP probing alleged in-flight groping

Richmond RCMP are investigating an alleged sex assault on a flight to Vancouver, CBC reported yesterday.

The incident dates back to an Air Canada flight on Nov. 23 where a female passenger alleges the person seated next to her repeatedly hit her chest with his hand.

The woman complained to a flight attendant and was moved to a different seat.

After the flight, she contacted police.

RCMP has filed for a search warrant to get the names of the passengers on board the flight to interview witnesses.

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Major fire at Surrey sawmill

Surrey firefighters responded to a massive blaze at the Mackenzie sawmill yesterday that saw flames shoot up to 30 feet in the air. None of the 140 employees at the mill were injured, but the damage to the mill was extensive. The cause is still under investigation.

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Obama reaches out to opponents

U.S. president makes a direct appeal for bipartisan lawmaking in his State of the Union address

'We will move forward together or not at all,' he says

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▶ Barack Obama

U.S. President Barack Obama called for unity with newly empowered Republicans in a State of the Union policy speech that laid the foundation for the second half of his presidential term and next year's fight for re-election.

Obama staked out territory in America's political centre. He defended programs dear to his Democratic base, including the federal Social Security pension program and his health-care overhaul.

But he also backed some top priorities of Republicans, who took control of the House of Representatives this month.

He called for cutting the corporate tax rate, freezing some federal spending, shaking up the federal bureaucracy and eliminating lawmakers' pet projects.

For the first time in his two-year presidency, Obama was appearing before a divided Congress. After November elections that Obama has described as a "shellacking," Republicans narrowed the Democratic advantage in the Senate as well as taking control of the House of Representatives.

Obama, who has rebounded in opinion polls in recent weeks, was looking to position himself above politics, even as both parties manoeuvre for advantage ahead of the 2012 presidential vote.

The speech comes weeks after Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was seriously wounded in a shooting rampage in Arizona that killed six people.

In an attempt at unity, many Democratic and Republican lawmakers decided to break with tradition and sit together. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt. Tens of thousands mobilize online

▶ Police face demonstrators in Cairo yesterday during a Tunisia-inspired demonstration to demand the end of President Hosni Mubarak's nearly 30 years in power. The clashes left at least three dead.

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Tunisia's uprising fuels Cairo protest

Yesterday's demonstration, the largest Egypt has seen for years, began peacefully, with police showing unusual restraint in what appeared to be a calculated strategy by the government to avoid further sullying the image of a security apparatus widely seen as little more than corrupt thugs in uniforms. Protesters cried out for President Hosni Mubarak to step down and for a solution to Egypt's poverty.

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Soldiers losing war on flab

Canadian Forces personnel are getting fatter, more sedentary in their work, less physically active and becoming heavier drinkers, according to a new military study.

The Health and Lifestyle Information Survey also found members are still reluctant to seek out mental health services for fear it will hurt their military careers, despite several new Defence initiatives to reduce the stigma of doing so.

Mighty fat

About 3,700 full-time Forces members were surveyed, for years 2008-09.

- **Nearly 48%** were overweight.

The document found there was a three per cent increase in the number of obese people since the last survey in 2004, even with a renewed push on fitness promotion.

"The study results certainly indicate to us that, like the rest of the Canadian population, we're not immune to this epidemic of obesity," Col. Colin MacKay, the military's director of health protection, said yesterday from Ottawa.

But MacKay says he believes members of the military are in better shape than the average Canadian.

The survey was posted on the National Defence website. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Invest. Military

▶ Peter MacKay announces $80 million in contracts.

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Propelling forward

Defence Minister Peter MacKay announced Air Force investments at 17 Wing in Winnipeg yesterday. Projects include modernized radar systems and new aircraft cargo loaders.

NEW YORK

Site bets readers will pay

A new website called Ongo wants to charge people $7 per month to look at news that is for the most part free elsewhere.

Yet the people behind it — former eBay Inc. executives — believe there's a large audience of heavy news consumers who will pay for a site that pulls together quality stories in one place and lays them out in a clean, ad-free format.

"They would pay for a better experience," Ongo Inc. CEO Alex Kazim says. "Someone is willing to pay $2 for a cup of coffee at Starbucks when they could go to McDonald's and get it for $1."

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KNOW YOUR GOALS BEFORE INVESTING

Patricia Domingo has some words of advice for investors.

"First and foremost, they have to determine what their goals and priorities are," says the Investment and Retirement Planner with RBC Wealth Management.

Having goals and timelines will help people to determine their investor profile and develop the right asset mix for their portfolios. While people will generally have a mixture of cash, bonds, mutual funds and stocks in their portfolios, Domingo says the percentage allocations will also depend on people's risk tolerance and investment objectives.

Domingo says it is also beneficial that people have an understanding of their family income and tax situation because these two things may influence investment decisions in order to maximize possible tax deductions or minimize tax impact.

Determining all of this might seem like a challenging task for investors, but this is where the help of an RBC advisor proves invaluable.

"A good advisor will be able to translate a lot of that information for them," says Domingo.

She says that some traits of good advisors are that they are able to communicate in simple terms and ask good questions of investors to understand their investment needs. This includes looking at things from a holistic perspective.

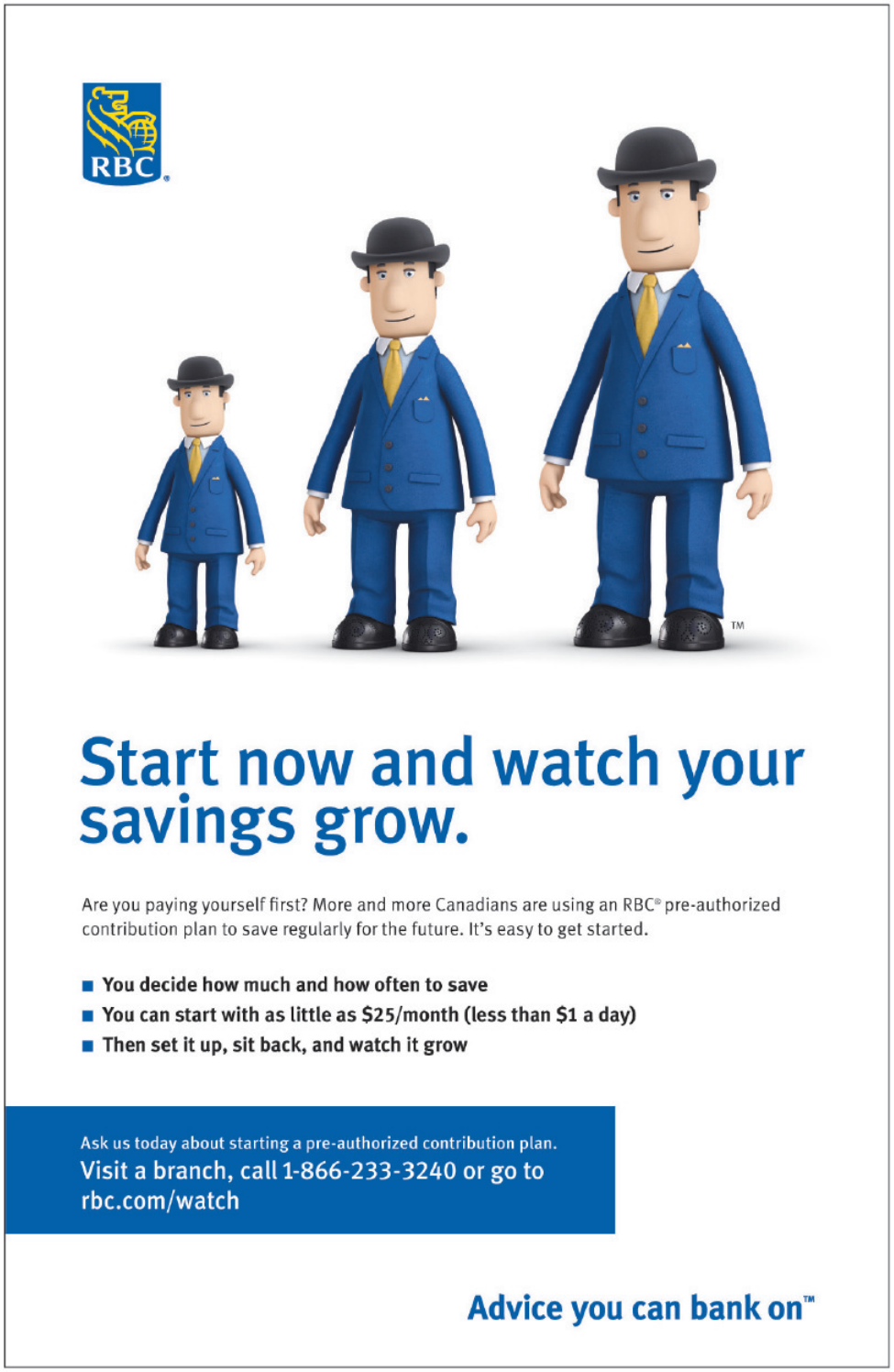
"We focus on all aspects of one's life in order to then assess how financially we can help to enrich those areas," says Domingo. (For more information on this, visit rbc.com/yourfuture.)

For people who are comfortable with investing and are able to devote the necessary time to managing their portfolio, self-management is also an option.

"There are some great tools out there that will allow people to self-manage," says Domingo, but she cautions that she often sees people who don't end up being able to devote the time necessary to be successful at it.

"People need to be honest with themselves about whether they will have the time commitment - not only to monitor the investments - but to rebalance them and take away the emotion that you sometimes have to separate from investing," says Domingo.

With a vast amount of investment options out there, Domingo says it can be very helpful to have an advisor who can narrow down the selection for you. The advisor can also help to provide the planning advice and resources needed to reach your investment goals.



SAVE EARLY, SAVE OFTEN

Putting aside savings is one of the top three financial priorities of Canadians, according to a recent RBC poll. That being said, many Canadians find it challenging to put money aside.

Patricia Domingo, an Investment and Retirement Planner with RBC Wealth Management, says the key is to be realistic about what you are capable of saving and review that number regularly.

She suggests people reorganize their debts to pay off the ones with the highest amount of interest first to help free up cash flow.

Starting to save today, rather than later is also key.

"The effect of compounding can be quite significant and lessen the burden down the road," says Domingo.

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Corporate tax cut payoff will take some time: Report

- Paper cites studies that show corporate taxes are most damaging to economy
- Consumption taxes least damaging

Corporate tax cuts will pay off in higher investment and more jobs for Canada, but it will take the better part of a decade for all the benefits to kick in, says a report by a leading tax expert.

The paper, from economist Jack Mintz, commends Ottawa for sticking to its guns in bringing down the corporate tax rate from 16.5 to 15 per cent next year.

Mintz and co-author Duanjie Chen, both of the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary, said that taking the corporate rate to 15 per cent will result in a $30.6-billion addition to the country's capital stock and generate 100,000 jobs.

However, they conceded it will take at least seven years for the full benefits to kick in.

The tax cuts, both this year's 1.5-point chop and next year's, have become key attack points for opposition parties, particularly the Liberals and NDP.

With unemployment relatively high and the government mired in a deficit — anticipated at about $45 billion this year — the opposition parties say this is not the time to offer profitable large corporations a further tax break.

Last week, the Liberals released an ad contrasting the plight of ordinary Canadians with firms receiving $6 billion in tax savings. "Is this your Canada, or Harper's?" the ad asks.

But Mintz said corporate tax cuts are a good investment in the future.

"My view is that the opposition parties are dramatically wrong," he said

"Definitely, we should go ahead with the last part of the corporate rate cut and we shouldn't roll back the recent one ... it's really important that we move ahead."

Notably, after all the tax cuts are implemented in 2012, Canada will only place in the middle of the pack among the world's leading economies in the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development, although it will have the lowest corporate tax rate among the Group of Seven leading industrial countries.

Noting opposition in to the HST in B.C., Mintz said that "reversing this step would be investment killing."

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Analysis

FOREIGN INVESTMENT

JACK MINTZ
ECONOMIST

Jack Mintz said the growing reputation of Canada as a low-tax jurisdiction is already paying some dividends in terms of attracting foreign investment.

He pointed out that Canada has gone from the highest to the middle of the OECD countries since 2000, giving credit equally to Liberal and Conservative governments since then.

In 2013, Canada will have a marginal effective tax rate on capital investment (METR) of 18.4 per cent, a full 10 points lower than was the case in 2009.

And he described decisions by Ontario and British Columbia to move to a harmonized retail sales tax — removing levies on business inputs — as the most significant initiatives on that front of the past few years. The measure cut the effective tax rate from 29.5 to about 20 per cent in B.C.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

Dollar	TSX
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Oil	**Natural gas 1,000 cu ft**
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	Gold contracts
	$1,332.30 (– $12.20)

Google. Talk

▶ Google chairman and CEO Eric Schmidt delivers the keynote speech at the Digital Life Design (DLD) conference yesterday in Munich. The conference brings together creators from the digital world.

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Google adds news jobs

Google plans to hire more than 6,200 workers this year in the biggest expansion yet by the Internet's most profitable company. Google's work force grew by 23 per cent last year and some investors may be leery of expansion plans that could crimp earnings.

Consumers feeling better about economy

North American consumers are starting to feel better about their personal finances and the economy, a hopeful sign for the still fragile recovery.

Two fresh surveys, one by the Conference Board in Canada and another from the International Monetary Fund in the U.S., detected an identical pattern of rising confidence in January, although relative optimism continues to be stronger north of the border.

Canada's confidence index rose 7.1 per cent this month to 88.1 points, the highest since the initial optimism coming out of the recession in the latter half of 2009 and early 2010.

Overall, the U.S. measure still lags Canada, but in January reached its highest level in eight months to 60.6 from 53.3 in December.

Releases from both think-tanks note that levels are still below what would be considered positive, although they are improvements over recent months.

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One of the clearest signals was that 28.1 per cent of respondents said they expect their financial situation to improve in the coming six months, up 3.3 percentage points. The number who felt the next six months looked worse, dropped by 0.7 point to 15.1 per cent.

Analysts generally welcomed the stronger consumer sentiment.

"In all, better consumer expectations in January bode well for a continued upturn in consumption ... which will in turn prove supportive of overall economic activity," said Martin Schwerdtfeger, an economist with the TD Bank.

The increases follow a month of generally more upbeat economic news, particularly in the U.S., which has seen the early stages of an employment recovery and strong manufacturing activity.

But Conference Board of Canada economist Pedro Antunes said while positive news played a part, both in Canada and the U.S., there is also a predictive element to the surveys.

"This is really about looking ahead ... and people are a little more optimistic," he said.

Still, some economists cautioned against reading too much into surveys — for instance, whether more upbeat consumers will translate into more sales of homes, cars and appliances.

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BUTTING HEADS OVER CHILD REARING

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

If you're a parent, you probably know about Battle Hymn Of The Tiger Mother, the book by Yale Prof. Amy Chua that cheerfully condemns North American parenting practices as soft.

And just as cheerfully, she celebrates the "Chinese" style piano-math drill torture of her own children as a successful program for overcoming adversity. That's if adversity can be characterized as placing second in a math competition.

The whole thing is gloriously controversial. On the one hand, you have armchair sociologists who nod sagely and point to Chua's parental rigour as proof the 21st century will belong to China. If it doesn't already.

On the other, you have my own kids, who snort and roll their eyes and say "as if" a lot.

Chua once threatened to torch her daughter's stuffed animals unless she learned to play a piece without flaws. Daughter played so diligently she ended up playing Carnegie Hall when she was just 14.

Chua was merciless. She made the kid sit on the bench for hours and play through dinner, even denying her water.

We had a piano at our place, too. Our kids sat on the bench for minutes, then took a dive, feigning epilepsy. After a couple of those sessions, the only person who spent any time around the piano was Douglas the cleaning person, who was not happy about the dust.

Once, one of Chua's daughters placed second in a math quiz. She made the poor kid do 2,000 math problems a night until she regained the lead.

My own kids have never done 2,000 math problems in their lives, combined, unless the math problem involves extracting $20 bills from the Bank of Dad and successfully not giving back any change.

By all accounts, Lulu and Sophia Chua-Rubenfeld are beautiful, well-adjusted young women who can leap tall buildings in a single bound while playing Flight Of The Bumblebee.

Dare I say it, but John David Sullivan and Ann Katherine Sullivan are, um, differently prodigious.

Chef Iron John can whip up the world's best Fisherman's Stew while excelling at four increasingly difficult levels of Guitar Hero, while Annie is a modern-day Merlin, capable of plundering the secrets of the Tarot while adjusting your chakras for optimal energy.

They didn't exactly raise themselves, but they were full participants.

They're not concert masters, nuclear physicists or radiologists, but they're pretty amazing, and all we had to do was give up after five minutes of pretending to be Amy Chua.

So stay tuned for my upcoming parenting bestseller: Crouching Father, Belligerent Children. And relax.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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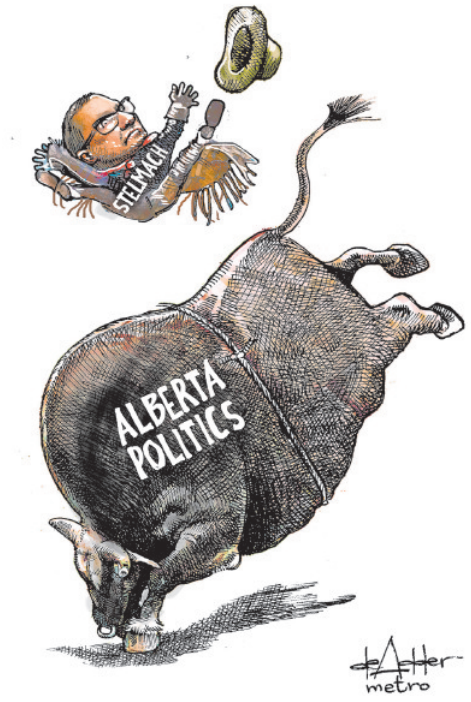

Musing about concerts

Letters & Tweets

We asked: What was the best concert you saw in 2010?

@lxstudio: Best concert in 2010: Malajube at Performance Works, Cultural Olympia.
@KitsBeachCanuck: Aerosmith, baby! Their ability to resonate musically with the crowd with drunken sailor lyrics proved why this band is great.
@ridethedave: @ConanOBrien in Vancouver! I was on the front page of the Metro with my three friends! @LloydGerry @mimonsimon and @ncheply.
@kevankevan: Crookers.
@velvetdress4u: Muse, for sure.
@BatestonBeauty: Hawksley Workman was the best concert I saw in 2010 — his talent is mind-boggling and music is amazing!
@AllAgesShow: the best concert of 2010 was definitely Broken Social Scene. That show was indescribably awesome.
@mikeatqazam: Hollerado/Free Energy at @pawnshoplive. Amazing energy, joined each other on stage, crowd joined for finale.
@permission2fail: Arcade Fire.
@rossanamenezes: PAUL McCARTNEY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
@treymills99: Definitely Makeshift Innocence.
@sweetsolmom: Silversun Pickups. (opened for Muse, who were awesome as well).

Picking favourite shows

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Which film should win the Oscar for best picture? Why?

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Tickets are $20 cash at the door for adults 19 and older.

The shows start at 8 p.m.

For more information, visit movent.ca.

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▶ Tara-Cheyenne Friedenberg, curator of Dances For A Small Stage.

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▶ The King's Speech has received 12 Academy Awards nominations.

The nominees are...

The King's Speech up for 12 Academy Awards ◐ True Grit gets 10 nods ◐ Winter's Bone shocks field by landing in four high-profile categories

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The King's Speech led this year's Academy Award nominations with 12, including Best Picture as well as Best Director for Tom Hooper, Best Actor for Colin Firth, Best Supporting Actor for Geoffrey Rush and Best Supporting Actress for Helena Bonham Carter. The Coen Brothers' update of True Grit received 10 nominations, including Best Picture and Best Actor for Jeff Bridges, who beat Firth in that category last year.

The other nominees for Best Picture are Black Swan, The Fighter, Inception, The Kids Are All Right, 127 Hours, The Social Network, Toy Story 3 and Winter's Bone. As expected, Golden Globe-winning actresses Natalie Portman and Annette Bening scored nominations for Best Actress and are considered the front-runners, ahead of Nicole Kidman (Rabbit Hole), Jennifer Lawrence (Winter's Bone) and Michelle Williams (Blue Valentine).

Competing against Firth and Bridges for Best Actor are Javier Bardem (Biutiful), Jesse Eisenberg (The Social Network) and James Franco (127 Hours).

The real surprise this year came with the quiet independent film Winter's Bone, which landed nominations in four high-profile categories: Best Picture, Best Actress (Lawrence), Best Supporting Actor (John Hawkes) and Best Adapted Screenplay.

The film about a stark life of poverty in the Ozarks, was a favorite at last year's Sundance Film Festival. David Fincher's The Social Network, which has won an impressive number of critics' association awards and the Golden Globe for Best Picture — Drama, received eight nominations, including nods for Fincher, lead actor Eisenberg, screenwriter Aaron Sorkin and composers Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross.

With 10 films up for Best Picture a second year in a row, some experts look to the Best Director nominees to determine which five are the real front-runners for the top prize.

This year, those five are Darren Aronofsky for Black Swan, David O. Russell for The Fighter, Tom Hooper for The King's Speech, David Fincher for The Social Network and Joel and Ethan Coen for True Grit. While Christopher Nolan's inventive Inception racked up eight nominations, including Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay, Nolan was shut out of the directing category.

The Academy Awards will be awarded in Hollywood on Feb. 27.

Nominees

The Academy Award nominations

BEST DIRECTOR
Darren Aronofsky, Black Swan
David O. Russell, The Fighter
Tom Hooper, The King's Speech
David Fincher, The Social Network
Joel and Ethan Coen, True Grit

BEST ACTOR
Javier Bardem, Biutiful
Jeff Bridges, True Grit
Jesse Eisenberg, The Social Network
Colin Firth, The King's Speech
James Franco, 127 Hours

BEST ACTRESS
Annette Bening, The Kids Are All Right
Nicole Kidman, Rabbit Hole
Jennifer Lawrence, Winter's Bone
Natalie Portman, Black Swan
Michelle Williams, Blue Valentine

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR
Christian Bale, The Fighter
John Hawkes, Winter's Bone
Jeremy Renner, The Town
Mark Ruffalo, The Kids Are All Right
Geoffrey Rush, The King's Speech

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS
Amy Adams, The Fighter
Helena Bonham Carter, The King's Speech
Melissa Leo, The Fighter
Hailee Steinfeld, True Grit
Jackie Weaver, Animal Kingdom

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Incendies

Quebec director Denis Villeneuve has received an Oscar nomination for his searing family drama "Incendies." The movie will compete for best foreign-language film.
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Brother worries: Madonna likes younger men

Says two 20-something boyfriends in a row 'could start to look creepy' But doesn't really expect change

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▶ Madonna is 52.

Madonna's brother, Christopher Ciccone, is worried about the singer's choices in younger boyfriends.

"I guess if she continues to date all these much younger guys, it could start to look creepy," he tells Radar Online.

"She certainly isn't following societal values, but then again my sister never has and probably never will either."

Madonna is reportedly dating 24-year-old Brahim Zaibat, whom she began seeing after splitting with 24-year-old model Jesus Luz. METRO

Bullock steps back

While Sandra Bullock has grown close to ex-husband Jesse James' daughter, Sunny, she's getting ready for James' new fiancée, Kat Von D, to enter the picture, according to Popeater.

"She ... knows that [Sunny] will have a new mommy soon and will do whatever she needs to do to make sure Jesse's new wife and Sunny have a great relationship, even if that means taking a step away," a source says. METRO

Breakup hard on Worthington

Avatar star Sam Worthington has reportedly split from his longtime girlfriend, makeup artist Natalie Mark, according to the Herald Sun.

And he doesn't seem to be taking the split well. At a recent event in Los Angeles, he reportedly slammed his fist into a photo wall and screamed obscenities when asked to wait before walking the red carpet, according to Popeater. METRO

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▶ A view of Grant Street in Chinatown in San Francisco. Although many of the original inhabitants have moved out to other areas of the city as well as suburbs, this is still a starting point for many new immigrants from Asia.

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Hard to believe that only a few blocks away lie the designer boutiques and gourmet coffee shops of a cosmopolitan western city.

But that's what it means to visit San Francisco's Chinatown, a magic carpet of a destination that can take you from West to East in zero to 60 steps.

"What's really significant about San Francisco's Chinatown is that it has survived for over 100 years. Despite the hardships early on, the community is still here," says Sue Lee, executive director of the San Francisco-based Chinese Historical Society of America.

And not just survived but thrived, she adds. Although many of the original inhabitants have moved out to other areas of the city as well as suburbs, this is still a starting point for many new immigrants from Asia. "It's a shopping district; it's a residential neighbourhood and it's a tourist destination. And that's not by accident."

With the Year of the Rabbit beginning Thursday, Feb. 3, a visit to San Francisco's Chinatown is a great way to experience Chinese-American culture.

And the best way to experience Chinatown is by foot, so it's no surprise there are a number of walking tours available.

At the Chinese Culture Center, tours begin with a look at art exhibits at the centre, which blend contemporary and traditional works.

Then it's a short stroll to Portsmouth Square, where you will find dozens of residents playing mah jongg and other games or just sitting and talking.

San Francisco's Chinatown is the district that almost wasn't. After the 1906 earthquake, city leaders pressed for relocating the Chinese to the city outskirts. But Chinatown businessmen came up with a plan to rebuild the area and make it a tourist attraction that would bring more money to the city. At the Great China Herb Company, herbalists carefully weigh out intriguing-looking bundles of this and that aimed at restoring vitality, restoring digestion and generally curing what ails you.

East, West, past, future — all here. "What's so fascinating about Chinatown," says Lee, "is it's so multifaceted."

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Travel in brief

Red wine and chocolate — it could be a double dose of decadence. Or maybe double the migraine afterwards. Wineries in the Niagara region in Ontario are inviting visitors to try wine-and-chocolate pairings next month. They include "classic" combos like late harvest Vidal with white chocolate cranberry (offered at Lailey Vineyard).

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It's soup season

Canadian winters are the perfect time to discover and create new soups

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▶ Meatball and egg noodle soup.

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This meatball and egg noodle soup is a complete meal in a bowl. Try using ground chicken or turkey instead of beef. (Add an extra tablespoon of breadcrumbs if using poultry).

Ingredients:

Meatballs

- 6 oz lean ground beef
- 3 tbsp dry breadcrumbs
- 2 tbsp barbecue sauce
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 2 tbsp parmesan cheese

Soup

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 tsp chopped garlic
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped carrots
- 3 1/2 cups beef stock
- 2 cups tomato sauce (or store-bought spaghetti sauce)
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 cup dried egg noodles
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Preparation:

1. To make the meatballs, combine ground beef, breadcrumbs, barbecue sauce, egg, garlic, basil and 2 tbsp of parmesan cheese. Form into 1-inch meatballs (you should have enough to make 24 meatballs). Lightly coat a large, nonstick skillet with cooking spray and set over medium heat. Cook meatballs for about 5 minutes, turning occasionally or until browned. Set aside.
2. To make the soup, lightly coat a large nonstick pot with cooking spray, add oil and set over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and sauté for 5 minutes. Stir in green pepper and carrots and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in stock, tomato sauce, tomato paste, chili powder and browned meatballs. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for 15 minutes.
3. Stir in egg noodles and simmer for 5 minutes or until the noodles are tender. Serve the soup in bowls, and garnish with remaining parmesan cheese.

Turkey and Sautéed Corn Chili

Ingredients:

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups onion
- 1 cup canned corn
- 2 tsp chopped garlic
- 1/2 lb ground turkey
- 1 can (19 oz) red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 ½ cups potato
- 2 1/2 cups tomato sauce
- 1 cup diced potato
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 1 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp brown sugar
- 1/3 cup shredded aged white cheddar
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro or parsley

1. Lightly coat a pot with cooking spray, add vegetable oil. Place over medium heat. Add chopped onion and sauté until soft, stirring frequently. Stir in the drained corn and garlic. Cook and stir until the corn is browned. Stir in the turkey and cook for 5 minutes, until the turkey is browned.
2. Stir in the beans, tomato sauce, potato, stock, chili powder, basil and sugar. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and cover. Simmer for 25 to 30 minutes or just until the potato is tender. Serve the chili in bowls, and garnish with cheddar and cilantro or parsely.

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Red & Yellow Bell Pepper Soup

Preparation:

1. Spray a saucepan with cooking oil, add vegetable oil. Place over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, carrot, celery. Cook 8 minutes, stir occasionally.
2. Add chicken stock, and peeled and diced potato. Bring to a boil then reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer until carrots and potatoes are tender.
3. Purée red peppers in a food processor until smooth. Add half the soup mix and process until smooth. Season with black pepper and pour into a serving bowl. Rinse food processor. Repeat steps with yellow peppers and remaining soup. Pour into another serving bowl.
4. Ladle some red pepper soup into one side of individual serving bowl. At the same time, ladle some yellow pepper soup into the other side of the bowl. Garnish with cilantro. ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients:

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 ½ cups chopped onion
- 1 ¼ cups chopped carrot
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 ½ cups potato
- Ground black pepper
- 2 red bell peppers, 2 yellow bell peppers, roasted
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro, dill or basil

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Be the boss that everyone brags about

You've finally landed the role of leader at your office How will you reign in respect from your new crew?

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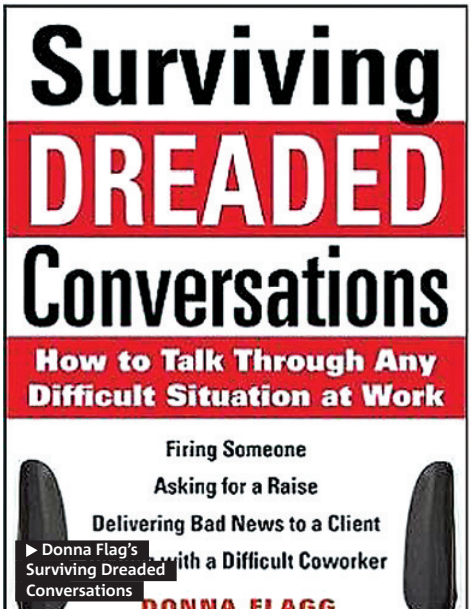
The move from a lowly cubicle to a boss's desk is a humble victory stroll for most.

However, it can also be an all expenses paid power trip for that rare and loathsome brute that mutates into a monster just as quickly as the title changes.

Every career leap comes with a risk, and if you've elevated to a higher office, career counsellors note you're likely sandwiched between executives demanding instaresults – More sales! Faster turnaround! Prettier PowerPoints! – and overworked underlings with full of apprehension.

The secret to rendering that transition as miserable as possible for every unfortunate involved is to let the stress bring forth your inner Bonaparte.

"People come in there with this façade that you're running things now, but you're not automatically going to have respect," warns Donna Flagg, author of Surviving Dreaded Conversations.



▶ Donna Flag's Surviving Dreaded Conversations

"You have to earn it by the virtues of your behaviour and by how you treat people."

She says the surest way to garner the esteem and cooperation of your workforce is "to be really open."

"In the first 90 days, what you really want to do is listen," career counselor Barbara Frankel concurs. "People are often afraid to voice their ideas, like they don't want to stick their necks out. You need to set a climate where every idea is valued and important, even if it isn't acted upon."

But if every time you fish the office pool for fresh ideas you reel in empty hooks, "put a little structure behind it," Flagg recommends.

"Schedule on-boarding meetings where you give a half hour to every person and get a sense from them about what's going on," she suggests. "You have to say, 'I want your honest opinion,' and then you have to behave in a way that doesn't punish them for giving it to you."

Too often, Frankel notes, a newly minted manager feels pressure to be the "ideas boss," the bubbling fountain wherein all novel thoughts are birthed.

"That closes you off to a lot of opportunities," Flagg cautions. Plus, she adds, it turns your workers into minions.

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▶ Author Donna Flag says a common mistake a new boss makes is forcing change before getting to know the lay of the land.

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CAREFUL WITH WORK COMPLAINTS

Employees love to complain about their jobs. They often perceive mistreatment at work as an invitation to a lawsuit or a human rights complaint.

However, one Ontario employee learned that not every grievance of unfairness at work leads to a successful human rights complaint.

Donna Race was one the only females employed at an Oshawa auto assembly line.

In 2006, she complained that her co-workers played the radio too loud and that the excessive noise affected her hearing. In response, she received threats from her co-workers and one of them called her a "bitch."

Unsatisfied with the way her employer handled the situation, Race complained to the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal, arguing she had been harassed because of her gender.

However, before presenting its case, Race's employer contested the Tribunal's jurisdiction to entertain the complaint, arguing it was not related to Race's gender and that her hearing loss was only temporary.

Instead, it argued that Race's complaint was about the volume of a radio, something that a human rights tribunal has no authority to decide.

Recently, the Tribunal agreed. Race failed to show that she was treated differently at work because of her gender or a disability.

Although the comment her co-worker made was offside, it did not amount to discrimination.

The decision reiterates an important lesson for employees:

Do not bring a human rights complaint where there is only a marginal connection to discrimination.

As a unionized employee, it should have been open to Race to file a grievance with her union.

THE FULL ARTICLE CAN BE READ ONLINE AT METRONEWS.CA.

Master's mantra

Meet six big-wigs willing to share the words that keep them reaching for the top every day

John Furlong
CEO for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games Organizing Committee
"My mantra is: A compelling vision combined with a set of core values are the key ingredients to an organization's success."

Vern Kimball
CEO of the Calgary Stampede
"My mantra is: To whom much is given; from whom much is expected. It was an expectation that my family would make the most of the opportunities that were given to us."

Jim Leech
CEO of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and overseer of the service and retirement income needs of its 289,000 members
"My mantra is: People. Execution. Results. This means having the right people in the right positions with the right skills and knowledge to do the best job possible."

Fred Connors
Owner of FRED, a hair salon, café and art gallery
"My mantra is: A team is comprised of individuals with magical abilities. A perfect leader helps those talents be discovered, because if you don't possess inner magical abilities you cannot contribute to greatness. If you aren't interested in being great, there's other places to work."

Reg Milley
CEO of Edmonton International Airport
At the company's 2010 annual general meeting, he rallied the city to challenge Calgary's top-dog status: "It's time to stop reaching. It's time to grasp our destiny."

Jim Watson
Mayor of Ottawa
Spoken at a 2010 swearing-in-ceremony about the value of civic service: "My favourite quote comes from the poet Henrik Ibsen, who wrote: 'A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.'"

JON TATTRIE

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▶ What's your personal mantra?

women against violence against women

Women Against Violence Against Women Rape Crisis Centre (WAVAW) is seeking a **Coordinator for the Volunteer and Educational Outreach Program** who is committed to a Feminist Anti-Oppression approach. Aboriginal women and women of colour who also speak additional languages representative of the population of Vancouver are encouraged to apply. This is a term-certain position with 31 hours per week.
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DR. PETER J. RICKETTS, PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC), CARLETON UNIVERSITY

University can be a very structured experience, but a fun elective can add pizzazz to any drab schedule

Metro did a cross-Canada search for five of the most unique elective courses our country has to offer

1

Bottoms up!
Sociable! Alcohol has long played a role in students' lives and the Social History of Alcohol at Carleton University looks at the role alcohol has played in western society from ancient times to the present. Temperance movements – social movements pushing for reduced alcohol consumption – are also examined.

2

Hey Jude, am I in the right class?
For Beatle lovers (and not of the Volkswagen variety), the University of Calgary offers The Beatles, a 10-week multimedia interactive continuing education course that examines the music and lyrics of The Fab Four, with a focus on the height of Beatlemania during the 1960s.

3

It cuts like a knife
For the history buff interested in the effect violence has had on various societies, Capilano University in Vancouver offers a history course called Murder and Mayhem: Selected Topics. The course looks at "how violence has shaped various societies' political, social, economic, religious and intellectual goals and beliefs," says its academic calendar description.

4

If I don't ace this course I'll die!
More than one of life's certainties, Death is a religious studies course offered at Saint Mary's University. Some of the topics examined include how death is perceived across different religions, what happens after one dies and how death has become taboo in today's society.

5

Frankly, I'm puzzled
While puzzles might be thought of as a form of entertainment, their meaning might actually be much deeper. The University of Toronto offers Puzzles, Discovery and the Human Imagination, a course that looks "at what puzzles tell us about the human mind and human culture," says its academic calendar description.

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Tennis. Australian Open

▶ Kim Clijsters stretches for a forehand in her match against Agnieszka Radwanska.

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Clijsters to meet Zvonareva in semis at Australian Open

Kim Clijsters moved into an Australian Open semifinal showdown with second-ranked Vera Zvonareva, beating Agnieszka Radwanska 6-3, 7-6 (4) this morning as air-force planes flew in formation overhead as part of celebrations for the national holiday.
Cannons went off earlier when Zvonareva started the Australia Day proceedings at Rod Laver Arena with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Petra Kvitova.
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Canucks preview

Predators at Canucks
7 p.m.
TV: Sportsnet
Radio: Team 1040

It's the end of a six-game road trip for the Preds (27-16-6), who have gone 3-2 going into tonight.

Vancouver (30-10-9) soundly beat Dallas 7-1 on Monday. Roberto Luongo hasn't lost in regulation in 16 games (11-0-5). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Opinion

RORY BOYLEN
THE HOCKEY NEWS

MATURING KESLER PACKS A PUNCH

In the most recent edition of The Hockey News, Ryan Kesler graces the cover next to the caption "The making of a monster."

The story talks about Kesler's aggressive nature and loosely compares his maturation as a player to Stan Mikita's — a two-way force with the Chicago Blackhawks in the 1960s and '70s who morphed from a penalty-minute king to a Lady Byng winner.

Not that Kesler will be winning the award for most gentlemanly player anytime soon. One reason why Henrik Sedin was such an easy choice to replace Roberto Luongo as captain of the Canucks was because Kesler's unpredictability meant that he could thrust unwanted attention on himself or the team at any given moment.

The THN story delves into this side of Kesler deeper, but while he is evolving into a goal scorer who will win a Selke Trophy one day, he has also created a few enemies in the NHL along the way.

Perhaps the most noteworthy of those is the ongoing tiff between Kesler and Columbus' R.J. Umberger. Linemates at Ohio State, Kesler and Umberger actually got along at one time and were both first-round selections (Umberger in 2001, Kesler in 2003) by Vancouver. But when Kesler was picked after his freshman season, he signed with the Canucks right away and got on with his professional career.

That same off-season Umberger was looking to commence his pro career, but his party believed Kesler signed a deal that was below market value, so it was used as leverage for a bigger contract for Umberger. While Umberger's side viewed the tactic as taking care of business, Kesler didn't appreciate being used as a barometer by his old mate and a rivalry was born.

Whenever the two meet, you can often notice animosity in the faceoff circle and the two came to blows in a January 2009 game.

Umberger, of course, missed the entire 2003-04 season and was traded to the Rangers in March of 2004, but failed to agree on a contract there and signed with Philadelphia as a UFA in the off-season. Kesler has continued to improve his lot in Vancouver and was rewarded with a six-year, $30-million contract extension last season.

And now he's putting up a monster season — one that has landed him on the cover of The Hockey News.

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NY Rangers	52	29	20	2	1	148	126	61	12-11-1-1	17-9-1-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Montreal	50	27	18	4	1	130	123	59	16-6-3-1	11-12-1-0	6-2-1-1	L2
Atlanta	51	23	19	3	6	151	166	55	11-9-1-4	12-10-2-2	3-4-1-2	L3
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Buffalo	49	23	21	5	0	137	144	51	11-12-1-0	12-9-4-0	7-3-0-0	W2
Florida	48	22	21	2	3	130	129	49	11-8-2-3	11-13-0-0	4-3-1-2	W1
Toronto	49	19	25	2	3	124	153	43	10-11-2-2	9-14-0-1	4-5-0-1	L3
Ottawa	50	17	25	5	3	108	160	42	9-14-2-2	8-11-3-1	1-6-1-2	L6
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d-Dallas	49	29	15	1	4	144	136	63	15-6-1-3	14-9-0-1	7-2-0-1	L2
Nashville	49	27	16	4	2	133	117	60	11-4-3-2	16-12-1-0	7-3-0-0	L1
Anaheim	52	28	20	2	2	140	146	60	17-7-0-1	11-13-2-1	7-3-0-0	W2
Phoenix	50	24	17	6	3	144	143	57	10-9-3-2	14-8-3-1	5-4-0-1	L2
Chicago	50	26	20	2	2	157	139	56	16-13-0-0	10-7-2-2	6-3-0-1	L2
Colorado	49	25	18	6	0	159	160	56	14-10-3-0	11-8-3-0	5-4-1-0	W1
San Jose	49	25	19	4	1	137	135	55	12-10-2-1	13-9-2-0	4-6-0-0	W4
Minnesota	49	25	19	1	4	130	134	55	11-11-0-2	14-8-1-2	6-4-0-0	W1
Los Angeles	49	26	22	1	0	140	122	53	16-9-1-0	10-13-0-0	4-6-0-0	W2
Calgary	50	23	21	2	4	140	151	52	13-9-0-1	10-12-2-2	5-2-1-2	W3
St. Louis	48	22	19	3	4	129	142	51	15-8-1-2	7-11-2-2	2-6-1-1	L3
Columbus	49	23	21	3	2	130	152	51	12-11-0-1	11-10-3-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Edmonton	48	15	25	1	7	121	165	38	7-13-1-3	8-12-1-3	3-6-0-1	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Edmonton 4 Phoenix 3
Buffalo 3 Ottawa 2 (OT)
Philadelphia 5 Montreal 2
Tampa Bay 2 Toronto 0
Anaheim 3 Columbus 2
Florida 4 N.Y. Rangers 3
Minnesota 4 Chicago 2
Pittsburgh 1 N.Y. Islanders 0
Monday's results
Calgary 3 Nashville 1
Vancouver 7 Dallas 1
Carolina 6 Toronto 4
Colorado 4 St. Louis 3
Los Angeles 2 Boston 0
N.Y. Rangers 2 Washington 1 (SO)
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

OILERS 4, COYOTES 3

First Period
1. Phoenix, Upshall 13 (Yandle, Stempniak) 5:27 (pp)
Penalties — Horcoff Edm (hooking) 4:57, Hall Edm (tripping) 15:32.
Second Period
2. Phoenix, Turris 8 (Ra.Whitney, Yandle) 1:54
3. Edmonton, Jacques 3 (Stortini, Foster) 7:11
Penalty — Korpikoski Pho (tripping) 15:48.
Third Period
4. Edmonton, Hall 16 (Horcoff, Petry) 2:56 (pp)
5. Edmonton, Omark 3 (Gagner, Paajarvi) 4:08
6. Phoenix, Upshall 14 (Doan, Turris) 8:29
7. Edmonton, Penner 15 (Hall, Horcoff) 19:38
Penalties — Hanzal Pho (interference) 1:36, Bissonnette Pho (high-sticking) 5:06, Peckham Edm (slashing) 19:49.
Shots on goal by

Edmonton	9	14	12—35
Phoenix	9	10	8—27

Goal — Edmonton: Dubnyk (W,5-4-6); Phoenix: Bryzgalov (L,18-12-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 1-3; Phoenix: 1-3. **Att.** — 10,057 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

FLYERS 5, CANADIENS 2

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Carter 23 (Richards, Pronger) 17:42 (pp)
2. Philadelphia, Timonen 3 (Pronger, Richards) 18:45 (pp)
Penalties — Gomez Mtl (cross-checking), Carcillo Pha (roughing) 3:33, Zherdev Pha (slashing) 7:23, Kostitsyn Mtl (slashing) 16:03, Spacek Mtl (holding) 17:14, Subban Mtl (slashing) 17:34.
Second Period
3. Philadelphia, Carcillo 3 (Pronger) 0:23
4. Montreal, Desharnais 3 (Gill, Darche) 12:43
5. Philadelphia, Giroux 19 (Hartnell, Briere) 16:52 (pp)
Penalties — O'Donnell Pha (interference) 2:31, Desharnais Mtl (slashing) 8:48, Montreal bench (too many men; served by Desharnais) 15:11, Meszaros Pha (slashing) 19:43.
Third Period
6. Montreal, Darche 9 (Moen, Hamrlik) 15:17
7. Philadelphia, Briere 26 (Pronger) 19:35 (en)
Penalties — Nodl Pha (slashing) 5:48, Pronger Pha (roughing) 7:51, Pouliot Mtl (interference), Pronger Pha (roughing), Carcillo Pha (misconduct) 11:24, Hartnell Pha (boarding) 13:13, Meszaros Pha (slashing) 19:48.
Shots on goal by

Montreal	9	15	7—31
Philadelphia	10	16	9—35

Goal — Montreal: Price (L,24-16-5); Philadelphia: Bobrovsky (W,21-6-3).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 0-7; Philadelphia: 3-5.
Att. — 19,878 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

LIGHTNING 2, LEAFS 0

First Period
1. Tampa Bay, Gagne 9 (Hedman, Purcell) 5:11
2. Tampa Bay, Purcell 8 (Clark, Bergenheim) 12:44 (pp)
Penalties — Kessel Tor (slashing) 10:53, Grabovski Tor (roughing) 14:33, Kaberle Tor (hooking) 17:33.
Second Period – No Scoring.
Penalties — Kaberle Tor (tripping) 14:29, Gagne TB (hooking) 16:02, MacArthur Tor, Downie TB (unsportsmanlike conduct) 19:19.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — MacArthur Tor (tripping) 1:53, Armstrong Tor (fighting), Downie TB (instigator, fighting, misconduct; served by Purcell) 13:57.
Shots on goal by

Toronto	4	13	9—26
Tampa Bay	17	4	10—31

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (L,4-3-0); Tampa Bay: Roloson (W,13-16-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 0-2; Tampa Bay: 1-5.
Att. — 14,335 (19,758) at Tampa, Fla.

SABRES 3, SENATORS 2 (OT)

1. Ottawa, Kelly 11 (Foligno) 4:28
2. Buffalo, Byron 1 (Ennis, Stafford) 10:05
3. Buffalo, Hecht 8 (Myers, Vanek) 15:49
Penalties — Karlsson Ott (tripping) 5:02, Gerbe Buf (roughing) 6:57.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Stafford Buf (hooking) 14:52.
Third Period
4. Ottawa, Gonchar 6 (Karlsson, Fisher) 13:56 (pp)
Penalties — Myers Buf (cross-checking) 1:22, Miller Buf (tripping; served by Ennis) 12:35.
Overtime
5. Buffalo, Morrisonn 1 (Vanek) 1:59
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Buffalo	15	6	2	2—25
Ottawa	12	11	6	0—29

Goal — Buffalo: Miller (W,21-14-4); Ottawa: Elliott (L,12-17-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Buffalo: 0-1; Ottawa: 1-4.
Attendance — 18,990 (19,153) ay Ottawa.

LATE MONDAY

CANUCKS 7, STARS 1

First Period
1. Vancouver, Burrows 10 (D.Sedin, Ballard) 1:18
2. Dallas, Richards 20 (Neal) 7:19
3. Vancouver, Kesler 27 (Edler, H.Sedin) 9:05 (pp)
4. Vancouver, Ehrhoff 8 (H.Sedin, D.Sedin) 10:26 (pp)
Penalties — Benn Dal (high-sticking) 8:17, Burish Dal, Bieksa Vcr (unsportsmanlike conduct) 9:13, Fistric Dal (tripping) 9:41, Daley Dal (hooking) 17:20.
Second Period
5. Vancouver, Samuelsson 9 (Kesler, Raymond) 3:59
6. Vancouver, H.Sedin, 11 (Volpatti, Torres) 11:28
Penalties — Tambellini Vcr (interference) 7:11, Burrows Vcr (holding stick) 13:27, Morrow Dal (charging) 14:43, Bieksa Vcr (interference) 15:27, Morrow Vcr (goaltender interference) 17:28, Hamhuis Vcr (tripping) 19:56.
Third Period
7. Vancouver, Raymond 9 (Edler, Samuelsson) 11:05
8. Vancouver, Hamhuis 4 (Tambellini, Tanev) 13:12 (pp)
Penalties — Ribiero Dal, Hamhuis Vcr (double roughing) 4:59, Burish Dal (roughing, misconduct), Barch Dal, Ballard Vcr (roughing), Burrows Vcr (misconduct) 12:16, Ott Dal (high-sticking) 19:55.
Shots

Dallas	10	7	9	—26
Vancouver	12	12	12	—36

Goal (shots-saves) — Dallas: Lehtonen (L,21-11-5) (33-27), Raycroft (13:12 third)(3-3); Vancouver: Luongo (W,22-8-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Dallas: 0-4; Vancouver: 3-7.
Attendance — 18,860 (18,810) at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	38	29	67
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
D.Sedin, Vcr	27	36	63
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	50	61
St. Louis, TB	20	40	60
B.Richards, Dal	20	37	57
Zetterberg, Det	16	36	52
Perry, Ana	25	26	51
Ovechkin, Wash	19	32	51
E.Staal, Car	23	26	49
Eriksson, Dal	17	32	49
Kopitar, LA	16	33	49
Kesler, Vcr	27	20	47
Giroux, Pha	19	28	47
M.Richards, Pha	17	30	47
Sharp, Chi	26	20	46

NFL

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday's results
AFC — Pittsburgh 24 N.Y. Jets 19
NFC — Green Bay 21 Chicago 14

PRO BOWL

Sunday's game
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m.

SUPER BOWL XLV

Sunday, Feb. 6
At Arlington, Texas
Pittsburgh (AFC) vs. Green Bay (NFC), 6:30 p.m.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia
WEDNESDAY'S EARLY RESULTS
WOMEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, def. Petra Kvitova (25), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.
Kim Clijsters (3), Belgium, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (12), Poland, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Doubles — Semifinals
Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, and Maria Kirilenko (12), Russia, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (2), Slovenia, 6-2, 6-4.
MEN
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes (3), India, def. Michael Llodra, France, and Nenad Zimonjic (8), Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.
TUESDAY'S RESULTS
WOMEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Francesca Schiavone (6), Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Li Na (9), China, def. Andrea Petkovic (30), Germany, 6-2, 6-4.
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Gisela Dulko, Argentina, and Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-3.
MEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Stanislas Wawrinka (19), Switzerland, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.
Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, def. Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, 6-1, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
MIXED DOUBLES
Second Round
Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto**, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, and Marcin Matkowski, Poland, 4-6, 6-4, 10-4 tiebreak.
JUNIOR GIRLS
Singles – Second Round
Eugenie Bouchard (14), Montreal, def. Tian Ran, China, 6-1, 6-2.
Nastja Kolar (16), Slovenia, def. Jang Su Jeong, South Korea, 6-2, 2-6, 9-7.
Doubles – Second Round
Denisa Allertova and Klara Fabikova, Czech Republic, def. **Eugenie Bouchard, Montreal,** and Monica Puig (2), Puerto Rico, 6-0, 6-3.

SOCCER

WOMEN'S FOUR NATIONS

Yesterday's results
At Beijing
Canada 1 Sweden 0
At Chongqing, China
U.S. 2 China 0

ASIAN CUP

SEMIFINALS

At Doha Qatar
Australia 6 Uzbekistan 0
Japan 2 South Korea 2
(Japan advances 3-0 on penalty kicks)

ENGLAND

CARLING CUP

SECOND LEG
Arsenal 3 Ipswich 0
(Arsenal advances on 3-1 aggregate)

PREMIER LEAGUE

Blackpool 2 Manchester United 3
Wigan 1 Aston Villa 2

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP

QUARTER-FINALS
Schalke 3 Nuremberg 2 (OT)

ITALY

ITALIAN CUP

QUARTER-FINALS
Palermo 0 Parma 0
(Palermo wins 5-4 on penalty kicks)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Slowey on a one-year contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with LHP Craig Breslow on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Acquired RHP Frank Francisco and cash considerations from Texas for C Mike Napoli.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Todd Wellemeyer on a minor league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with LHP Wandy Rodriguez on a three-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Announced OF Jason Pridie and RHP Tobi Stoner cleared waivers and were sent outright to Buffalo (IL).

BASKETBALL

NBA

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed G Garrett Temple to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

CFL

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS—Re-signed LB Markeith Knowlton to a three-year contract.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed K Justin Palardy and OL Chris Greaves to contract extensions.

NFL

ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with LB Robert James on two-year contract.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Named Ray Brown assistant offensive line coach.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Chris Tabor special teams coordinator.
DENVER BRONCOS—Named Ron Milus secondary coach and Richard Smith linebackers coach.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named Al Saunders offensive coordinator.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Named Brad Seely assistant head coach/special teams coordinator and Kevin Tolbert assistant strength and conditioning coach.

HOCKEY

NHL

N.Y. ISLANDERS—Suspended G Evgeni Nabokov for not reporting to the team after being claimed off waivers from the Detroit.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled G Mike Brodeur from Binghamton (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Recalled G Alex Stalock from Worcester (AHL).

AHL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended Portland D Tim Conboy two games as a result of his actions in a Jan. 21 game at Worcester.
CHICAGO WOLVES—Signed F Tim Miller.

SOCCER

MLS

PHILADELPHIA UNION—Waived G Brad Knighton.
NEW YORK RED BULL—Signed MF Matt Kassel.

LACROSSE

NLL

WEEK FOUR
Friday's games
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Boston at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	34	10	.773	—
d-Miami	31	13	.705	3
d-Chicago	31	14	.689	3½
Atlanta	29	16	.644	5½
Orlando	29	16	.644	5½
New York	23	21	.523	11
Philadelphia	19	25	.432	15
Charlotte	18	25	.419	15½
Indiana	16	25	.390	16½
Milwaukee	16	26	.381	17
Detroit	17	28	.378	17½
Washington	13	31	.295	21
New Jersey	13	32	.289	21½
Toronto	13	32	.289	21½
Cleveland	8	37	.178	26½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	38	7	.844	—
d-L.A. Lakers	33	13	.717	5½
Dallas	29	15	.659	8½
New Orleans	30	16	.652	8½
d-Oklahoma City	28	16	.636	9½
Utah	27	18	.600	11
Denver	26	18	.591	11½
Portland	25	21	.543	13½
Memphis	22	23	.489	16
Phoenix	20	23	.465	17
Houston	21	25	.457	17½
Golden State	19	25	.432	18½
L.A. Clippers	17	27	.386	20½
Sacramento	10	33	.233	27
Minnesota	10	34	.227	27½

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions per conference regardless of winning percentage.
Last night's results
Boston 112 Cleveland 95
Dallas 112 L.A. Clippers 105
Denver 120 Washington 109
Charlotte at Sacramento
L.A. Lakers 120 Utah 91
Monday's results
Memphis 100 Toronto 98
Chicago 92 Milwaukee 83
Detroit 103 Orlando 96
Houston 129 Minnesota 125
New Jersey 103 Cleveland 101
New Orleans 91 Oklahoma City 89
New York 115 Washington 106
Philadelphia 105 Phoenix 95
Sacramento 96 Portland 81
San Antonio 113 Golden State 102
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Memphis at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SKIING

MEN'S WORLD CUP SLALOM

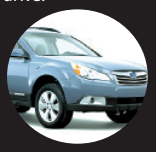
At Schladming, Austria
Yesterday's results
(run times in parentheses)
1. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, one minute 46.54 seconds (54.62-51.92); 2. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 1:46.58 (53.77-52.81); 3. Mattias Hargin, Sweden, 1:47.14 (54.22-52.92); 4. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 1:47.47 (54.92-52.55); 5. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 1:47.54 (54.42-53.12); 6. Axel Baeck, Sweden, 1:47.69 (55.48-52.21); 7. Jens Byggmark, Sweden, 1:47.72 (56.45-51.27); 8. Cristian Deville, Italy, 1:47.83 (55.20-52.63); 9. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 1:47.84 (55.35-52.49); 10. Naoki Yuasa, Japan, 1:47.90 (56.12-51.78).
11. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 1:47.95 (55.77-52.18); 12. Manfred Pranger, Austria, 1:48.26 (55.03-53.23); 13. Nolan Kasper, U.S., 1:48.74 (57.08-51.66); **14. Michael Janyk, Whistler, B.C., 1:48.89 (56.43-52.46)**; 15. Markus Vogel, Switzerland, 1:49.07 (57.07-52.00).
Also — 23. Trevor White, Calgary, 1:50.09 (56.93-53.16); 25. Paul Stutz, Banff, Alta., 1:50.54 (57.00-53.54).
Disqualified After Second Run — Patrick Biggs, Orleans, Ont.

5 drive

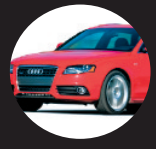
By comparison

Volvo V50
Base price: $37,200
Roomy, attractive, well-priced wagon ups standard hp to 227 for 2011.

Subaru Outback Limited
Base price: $37,400
Top-level I4 model offers lots of luxury content plus standard all-wheel-drive.



Audi A4 Avant
Base price: $44,500
Stylish, functional and loaded with extras including four-wheel-drive.



WHEELBASE MEDIA

Engine performance

Providing the necessary grunt to haul passengers and their personal effects is a 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine that makes 201 horsepower and 170 pound-feet of torque.

This is the same base powerplant that's used in the TSX sedan and performs with quiet efficiency at the lower end of the rev range.

However, when pushed hard, the 2.4 becomes a bit raucous, although not in any seriously upsetting way.

Fully-equipped

Buyers will definitely be able to speed through the option list.

As with all Acuras, the TSX arrives with all the right up-level gear right out of the box: leather interior; power moonroof; dual-zone climate control; and a cool set of 17-inch alloy wheels.

A premium audio and navigation systems, power tailgate, 18-inch rims and an aero-style body kit are among the few extra-cost items.

Carrying capacity

It's safe to assume everybody will appreciate the TSX Sport Wagon's carrying capacity, which is more than double that of the sedan, even with the rear seat in the locked-and-upright place.

When folded flat, the load surface extends some 70 inches giving the TSX nearly the same cargo volume as Acura's entry-level RDX sport ute.

▶ Outside of North America, it's called the Honda Accord Tourer. Since the Acura TSX is Accord-based, and since Honda already has the Crosstour, it joins the Acura line as the TSX Sport Wagon.

Meet Acura's newest member

TSX Wagon

What you should know about the 2011 Acura TSX Sport Wagon:

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive, mid-size wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC four-cylinder (201).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 9.4/6.4 (est.).

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WHEELBASE MEDIA

Sometimes luxury and practicality fight for the same space, but there's plenty of both to go around when it comes to the 2011 TSX Sport Wagon.

It's Acura's first shot at marketing what has in the past been the exclusive domain of its Honda parent.

Technically, the Acura Sport Wagon is a Honda since it was previously launched in Japan and other countries around the globe as the Accord Tourer.

However for North America, Honda developed the homegrown Accord Crosstour hatchback that arrived for the 2010 model year with a standard V6 engine and available all-wheel-drive.

The impending arrival of the sharp-looking TSX Sport Wagon has likely turned Honda's product planners green with envy and has them wondering if they shouldn't have lobbied harder to get a wagon of their own after all.

Internal politics aside, the new TSX hauler is a smart-looking piece of work regardless of what brand bucket it falls into.

The Sport Wagon projects a certain sophisticated appearance that displays a strong kinship with the newly updated TSX sedan.

The folks at Acura believe the wagon will appeal to young, affluent buyers, but there will likely be a knot of practical-minded empty-nesters as well as disaffected Honda Accord owners just itching for a test drive.

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The Sport Wagon comes with a four-cylinder engine with no optional V6. Interestingly, a V6 is the standard engine in the Honda Crosstour, which is actually a little cheaper to start. An Acura spokesman said that the primary target audience for the wagon — young, urban, family types — ranked fuel economy as having greater importance than raw horsepower and thrust.

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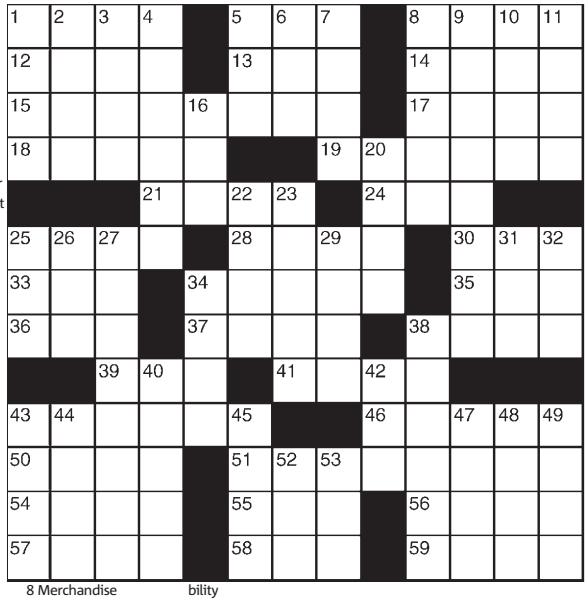

Across

1 Writer Kingsley
5 Petrol
8 Spaces
12 Swag
13 Have bills
14 Ear-related
15 One present
17 Maestro Klemperer
18 Barbershop request
19 Humble
21 Tend texts
24 Foolish one
25 Read, in a way
28 Lowers the lights
30 Definite article
33 Mr. Sajak
34 Expense record
35 A billion years
36 Illustrations
37 Addict
38 Probability
39 Inquire
41 Leeway
43 Hidden away
46 Got wind of
50 Wan
51 Lawyer
54 Rind
55 William Tell's home
56 Color quality
57 Uncomplicated
58 "See ya"
59 Picnic invaders

Down

1 "Oh, woe!"
2 Wool eater
3 Tittle
4 Spielberg or Tyler
5 Deity
6 Shock and —
7 Appear
8 Merchandise
9 Swore (to)
10 Peach stones
11 Highlander
16 Homer's neighbor
20 Brewer's oven
22 Mid-month date
23 River through Rome
25 Resort
26 Automobile
27 Ties on
29 Muralist Joan
31 Scuttle
32 Type measures
34 Member of the nobility
38 Conspiracy of silence
40 As an introvert would
42 Discoverer's call
43 Hatteras, for one
44 On the briny
45 Smear
47 In due time
48 Landlord's due
49 Turns blue?
52 Give it a go
53 Dead heat

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

5	1		8				6	9
3	6		7		9	4		
		7			1			8
4						2	7	
6			2		3			4
	2	3						6
8			9			5		
		9	6		7		3	2
2	7				8		9	1

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

4	7	3	1	9	5	8	2	6
6	5	1	2	4	8	7	9	3
2	8	9	3	7	6	4	5	1
5	3	8	7	6	1	2	4	9
7	1	2	4	3	9	5	6	8
9	6	4	8	5	2	1	3	7
1	9	7	6	2	4	3	8	5
8	2	6	5	1	3	9	7	4
3	4	5	9	8	7	6	1	2

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You will get the proverbial offer you cannot refuse, today. But your sixth sense will warn you that it's too good to be true.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Think of what you are about to do as an investment in the future rather than as something you cannot afford. Saturn will bring you an opportunity to move up in the world, but it will cost you something, too.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Some people complain that fate is unkind, but you know that what you get out of life depends on what you put in. Saturn's retrograde move today is to be welcomed. It reminds you that the more you give the more you get.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Use your energy wisely today. Don't waste it on trivial things. And don't listen to what other people say. Listen only to your own conscience. Everything else should be excluded.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Take what happens today as a challenge rather than as a setback. Use it to inspire you to do more and do better. Everything in life occurs for a reason, so there is no need to feel hard done by.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you make a mistake of some kind today, you must admit it immediately. Don't try to pretend that it wasn't you because there are critical eyes watching your every move. It's no big deal: Say sorry and move on.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 This is one of the luckiest times of the year for you, but because planet Saturn turns retrograde today there is a danger you might take your good fortune for granted. Don't.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't sit back and let the changes that are now taking place just happen. You are a Scorpio, and that means you don't give in when the going gets tough. Fight back.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The world is still an amazing and positive place, no matter what the doom mongers might say. Stop worrying about the future and create a better tomorrow for yourself — starting today.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You get what you deserve. As Saturn begins one of its retrograde phases, it may be tempting to believe that you have gained more than you should. But, don't be so sure.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 So much is possible for you now, but you are still holding back. Why? As limitations planet Saturn turns retrograde today, the way ahead of you is clear of obstacles. Move!

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Any bad feelings that might remain between you and someone you have to deal with on a daily basis must be cleared up once and for all. You can't go on eyeing each other with suspicion. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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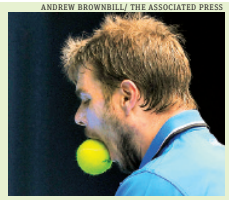

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